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This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated October 2, 2003. The one month period for responding to the Office action expires on November 2, 2003.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects to proceed with Invention Group I, claims 1-4 and 7-8 without traverse.

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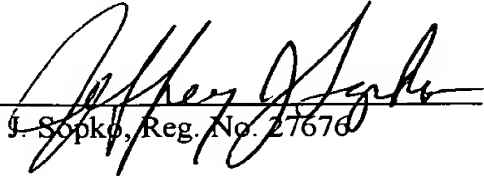
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